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R 131317Z DEC 74

FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3032

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

USCINCEUR

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ERITREA

REF A. ASMARA 0958; B. KHARTOUM 2779

1. TROOP ELEMENT FROM 1ST DIV WHICH ARRIVED ASMARA ON 12 DEC PRESENTLY BIVOUACKED AT TRACT C ON KAGNEW STATION. TRACT C WAS TRANSFERRED TO IEG IN 1973. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST YET FOR ASSISTANCE ON UTILITIES. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT INDICATES THEY PLAN TO MOVE TO TOWNS SUCH AS KEREN, AGORDAT, ADI UGRI AND GHINDA.

2. AT APPROX. 2245 HRS 12 DEC THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION ON ETHIOPIAN OCCUPIED PORTION OF TRACT E. EXPLOSION WAS FOLLOWED BY BLACKOUT ON ETHIOPIAN SIDE OF FENCE, BUT THERE WAS NO SCURRYING OF TROOPS WHICH WOULD INDICATE EXPLOSION CAUSED BY EXTERNAL SOURCE. THIS MORNING NORMAL ACTIVITY CONTINUED ON TRACT 3. EXPLOSION COULD HAVE ACCIDENTALLY

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RESULTED FROM GAS STOVES, OIL BURNERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT.

3. SITUATION IN ASMARA IS CALM BUT TENSE. AMCITS ARE  
BEING ADVISED TO AVOID CROWDS, KEEP ADEQUATE FOOD  
AND WATER SUPPLIES IN THEIR HOMES, AND TO ALSO GET THEIR  
PERSONAL PAPERS IN ORDER. TRAVEL ON AXUM AND MASSAWA ROADS IS  
STILL PERMITTED FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNITY UNDER PREARRANGED  
SAFEGUARDS.  
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